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HESITATION IN RESPECT TO FISH TRAP QUESTION.

**Rivalry Between Mainland and Island Members
Jeopardizes Concession Which Was
About to Be Granted.**

OTTAWA, APRIL 12.

RIVALRY between Mainland and Island members may result in Mr. Prefontaine doing nothing in the trap net question this year. At a conference this morning at Mr. Prefontaine's office no conclusion was reached. Ralph Smith and George Riley favor trap nets, but Messrs. Morrison and Macpherson take the other view. Senator Templeman was absent today. The courtesy of an invitation to Mr. Earle to attend the meeting was not extended.

Hon. Mr. Borden asked in the house today whether any report had been received from the Yukon committee. If there was no report, the evidence and submit it to the House.

Mr. Borden also inquired whether in council made some time ago with goods carried by foreign vessels for pot Messrs. Morrison and Macpherson take the other view. Senator Templeman was absent today. The courtesy of an invitation to Mr. Earle to attend the meeting was not extended.

The minister of customs explained that there had been orders issued with regard to the ports of Skagway and St. Michael some few years ago. The year to year, and the Skagway order was one which had been allowed to continue in force. Correspondence in connection with the order, if there was any, and the orders themselves be placed before the House.

Mr. Taylor, chief opposition whip, stated the Conservatives would come to power after the next general election and would cancel the Grand Trunk Pacific agreement.

Mr. Bradier is going to send a letter through Canada to deliver addresses on the advantages of the metric system.

The government has granted \$5,000 a year to the Western Canada Immigration Society, which has its headquarters in Minneapolis.

A. G. Doughty, Quebec, reconsidered his former decision, and will become Dominion archivist.

MONTRÉAL IS ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

**Still in Doubt as to Whether
There Will be the Usual
Flood.**

Montreal, April 12.—While the ice in the river below Montreal hasatty wallowed down, there is considerable left above the city, while that in front still remains solid. The authorities are still anxious lest there be a flood. Since noon the water has been rising, and if it continues to do so, it will only be a question as to whether it will get high enough to do damage before the ice gives away.

Verdun is still partially flooded, but conditions there are much better than on Sunday and Monday.

Below the city, Vauvaville is the worst flooded section, the locomotive works being cut off from the remainder of the place.

The transmission lines of Shawinigan Water & Power Company have been carried away by the ice and the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company is without its usual supply from that source. As it has a large reserve from its other sources of supply, no inconvenience is being experienced.

THE GERMAN REICHSTAG.

Berlin, April 12.—The Reichstag reassembled today and took up the budget. Chancellor Von Buelow, answering various questions of the Dr. Sattler, said he could not discuss the Franco-British colonial treaty at length since the British parliament was discussing it, and the French Chamber of Deputies had not yet discussed it. The German government saw no hostile purpose in the entente against any other power.

JAPANESE INDIGNANT.

Tokio, April 12, 10 a.m.—The charge coming from Asian sources to the effect that Japanese troops organized the fight at Cheng Ju, March 29th, abused the privilege of the Red Cross flag by taking refuge in a building occupied as a hospital, is indignantly denied here and proclaimed a fabrication made to injure the Japanese in the eyes of the world. An official investigation shows that the Japanese force engaged at Cheng Ju had established a bandage station in the rear of their firing line, and it was used exclusively for the purpose of caring for the wounded. The Japanese Red Cross is an order and is extensively organized. It did service in the war with China and both the society and the army have been found anxious in this war to conduct the work according to the ideals of civilization.

ARE PRAYING

OF WINNIPEG

**Hockeyist Loses Big Sum —
Drowned in The Souris
River.**

Winnipeg, April 12.—Bennet, the well-known hockeyist of Brandon was robbed of \$1,000 while on the way to a bank.

Fort William has notified the Port Arthur council that no cars must be run on Sunday into the town.

Mr. Starbuck, manager of Sherbrook, Que., was drowned in Souris river.

Chief Elliott, of the Provincial police, has left for Montreal to bring back Peterlin, accused of theft here.

Entries for the first allotment of space yesterday. There were 200 applications.

The body of Thomas Moorehead, lost in the storm last February near Indian Head, has been found. He had strayed five miles.

NORTHERN SÉCURITIES.

Harriman Interests File a New Petition at St. Paul.

St. Paul, April 12.—The motion of E. H. Harriman and Winslow S. Pierce for leave to file an intercession petition in the settlement of Northern Securities affairs recently ordered by the Federal Securities Commission to be submitted by such settlement being sent to the order of the United States District court here, was heard before the full bench of the District court today. Messrs. Harriman and Pierce object to the plan of the directors of the Northern Securities Company for a pro rata distribution of Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock among holders of Northern Securities stock. The first point raised was the right of Harriman and Pierce to intervene, and if that right is granted, the suit will follow. If the motion is denied the settlement of the affairs of the company will be made at the order of the court.

ARE PRAYING

Fighting in Progress

Tokio, April 13.—As reports continue to filter in from the front, it becomes more and more evident that serious fighting is occurring along the Yalu.

All of the foreign military attaches accredited to the first Japanese army have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the front, where they will have an opportunity to see their fighting.

TUG BOAT LOST.

Manistee, Mich., April 12.—The tug Canfield, owned by the Canadian line of this city, ran aground on the outer bar at Point Sable and sank last night. Captain Henry Smith, engineer Charles Kopfer, of Manistee, and Helper William Jusmann, were lost. The mate and firemen were saved.

GENERAL KUROPAKIN

JAPANESE SCOUTING

PARTY ANNIHILATED.

**Surprised on Island of Salimind By Russians
Who Lead Them Into Trap and Shoot
Them Down Like Dogs.**

ST. PETERSBURG, APRIL 12.

GENERAL KUROPAKIN, in a despatch to the Emperor, bearing today's date, says that General Krasnolinski, on the night of April 8th, ordered a detachment of sharpshooters landed on the Island of Salimind, and surprised a patrol of Japanese scouts, just as the latter were approaching the east side of the island in three boats.

The Russians allowed the Japanese land and then fired on them. Nearly all the Japanese were shot or drowned and their boats sunk. The Russians sustained no losses.

Non-commissioned Officers Louzhikine and Soutchashov distinguished themselves in the fighting.

On the following day the Japanese lowered their flag at Wiju, and their outposts, which had been seen, fell back.

On the night of April 9th four Russians crossed the Yalu to Yanampo and made towards a Russian village, where they found a squadron of Japanese cavalry. They remained there twelve hours, when they were betrayed by Koreans and found themselves obliged to swim the river, their boats having struck a sandbar. One soldier lost his life.

The Japanese pursued the Russians in a boat, but were in turn attacked by a Russian boat, which had come to the rescue of the swimmers.

STRONG SUPPORTER OF CHAMBERLAIN

NEW BRUNSWICK HAS A SURPLUS

**Duke of Sutherland Thinks Ex-Colonial Secretary's Policy
Will Prevail.**

Budget Speech Delivered in Legislature By Attorney-General Pugsley.

Fredericton, N. B., April 12.—The budget speech was delivered in the New Brunswick legislature last night by Attorney-General Pugsley in the absence of Premier Tyrell, who is ill. The estimated receipts for the year are \$878,547, and expenditures \$856,906, leaving an estimated surplus of \$21,581.

WILL BE CANDIDATE.

Kingston, Ont., April 12.—Ex-Alderman Graham announces he is in the field for election to the Dominion House regardless of all candidates.

PRIZE FIGHTER'S DEATH.

Quebec, April 12.—The coroner's jury have brought in a verdict that Louis Drolet's death resulted from hemorrhage caused by blows on the head received from George Wagner in a boxing bout.

His Grace denied emphatically the correctness of the report, that he would be Governor-General of Canada.

There was no public function given in his honor here, but Mr. Wm. Whyte entertained His Grace to luncheon at the Manitoba Club, the guests numbering 150.

The party leave this evening for the Pacific Coast and will return to the city on the 25th, sailing for home on the Oceanic on May 4th.

ASSASSIN ATTEMPTS A PREMIER'S LIFE

**Wounded by Would-be Murderer
When Returning From a Requiem Mass.**

NEW PRINCIPAL.

Montreal, April 12.—The governors of the Presbyterian College today decided to submit the name of Prof. Schenck to the general assembly as a successor to the late Principal McVicar. The committee sent to Scotland in search of a man reported that it could find no man available, so well fitted as Prof. Schenck.

PING YANG ALL RIGHT.

New York, April 12.—The Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, has received a cable from Ping Yang, Korea, dated April 9th, stating that "Ping Yang and Sien Chun are all right," and that goods that had been ordered should be shipped. Dr. Brown thinks if the missionaries of these northern stations are all right, there is not the slightest ground for anxiety regarding those in the central and southern stations.

KILLS SWEATHEART THEN SUICIDES

Tragedy, the Outcome of a Hasty Matrimonial Venture.

Batavia, N. Y., April 12.—Clyde Ore, thirty years old, fatally shot Addie Blossom, 23 years old, this afternoon and then killed himself with a revolver.

The tragedy occurred at the corner of Hutchins and Summer streets, about a block from the girl's home. Ore met her there at 5:30 this evening, and without a word drew a revolver and fired. His aim was true and the girl fell senseless with a bullet wound clear through the head. Ore walked a few steps further, drank the acid and sent a bullet into his brain.

Miss Blossom was carried to her home, where she died half an hour later. Ore, with the blood streaming from his wound, walked nearly a quarter of a mile before he collapsed, he died in ten minutes.

One year ago through an advertisement in a newspaper, he came to Batavia a month ago and began work as an enlarger and photographe. He pressed his suit vigorously with the girl's girl, and arrangements for their wedding were made two weeks ago.

Lord Lansdowne lengthily reviews the main features of the agreement, and concludes: "It may perhaps be permitted for the two countries to hope that in thus lessening the composition of their long-standing differences upon mutual concessions and a recognition of each other's legitimate wants and aspirations, they may afford a precedent which will contribute something to the maintenance of international good-will and the preservation of general peace."

Ore, whose home was in Wisconsin, left her and it was supposed that he had gone home. It is now known, however, that he only went as far as Wellsville, N. Y., about fifty miles south of here. He returned today a short time before the shooting.

In his pocket was found a letter from Addie Blossom, in which she said she wanted to hear from him.

FLOODS INCREASE AT WINNIPEG

**Rivers Now Running Bank Full
And Further Rise Is
Fearing.**

Winnipeg, April 12.—(Special)—The water coming from the upper branches of the Assiniboine and Red rivers is now beginning to swell these streams rapidly, and in a day or so they will be bank full. There has been a rise of twelve feet or more in the last twenty-four hours, and in some places along the Assiniboine in the city limits water is among the trees.</

Overwhelmed By Snow Slide

Train Master Downie and Engineer Dodd Killed on The C. P. R.

A Work Train Overturned Near Albert Canyon With Fatal Results.

A sad fatality occurred on the C. P. R. about one mile west of Albert Canyon about 10 o'clock on Monday night. While no official report of the disaster is obtainable, the following may be ascertained as practically authentic.

A "work" train, which was out with a rotary plough and gang of men under the direction of Division Superintendent Mr. Kilpatrick, his trainmaster, Mr. Thomas Downie, and other officials, clearing up a number of snowslides, was struck by a slide and the official, or business car, of the superintendent, the caboose and several cars in which the workmen were housed, were overturned. Mr. Thomas Downie and the engineer of the train, K. Dodd, were killed. Several of the Japanese workmen were buried in the slide, but none were killed or injured.

General Superintendent Marpole left Vancouver on Saturday last on a periodical inspection, and has been delayed by a landslide near Tramline.

The sudden change in the weather has caused a number of slides in the Selkirks, and washouts and mud slides on the Thompson River, and the officials of the Pacific division have had their hands full during the last two days.

No train from the East was expected in until some time last evening. No. 2, which left Saturday, was at Salmon Arm, and was expected to continue east early yesterday morning. Sunday's No. 2 was reported at Spence's bridge on Monday. The Atlantic express was held until 8 p.m., and, unless further slides occur, was expected to get through without delay.

Widespread regret will be felt at the news of the death of Mr. Thomas Downie, trainmaster of the C. P. R. at Revelstoke. The deceased was a brother of Mr. William Downie, recently appointed general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., and formerly superintendent of the division. The late Mr. Downie, while not so well known as his brother, as he had always resided in the interior and only came to the Coast on short visits, was a host of friends, both among railway men and citizens generally. He was a thorough railway man, and had been "brought up" in the business. He had been with the C. P. R. since the road was built through to the Coast, and for a number of years had filled the responsible position of chief train dispatcher at Revelstoke. Recently he accepted the position of trainmaster at that point, and it was whilst in the duties of that office that the accident occurred. His brother, Mr. W. Downie, resides at St. John, N. B., for whom the greatest sympathy will be felt.

ROOSEVELT AGAIN ENDORSED.

Virginia, Nevada, April 12.—The Republican state convention today unanimously endorsed President Roosevelt, and Geo. Nixon for under state secretary.

GREENE COPPER COMPANY.

New York, April 12.—The resignation of John W. Gates and Ainsworth W. Burchard as directors of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company was announced today. It is understood that Edwin Hall and Frank W. Ray will also resign from the board before long. The men were opposed to the Greene management and at the last stockholders' meeting tried to oust Colonel Greene and his friends from control and get Mr. Burchard president.

NERVOUS RUSSIANS.

Pilot's Flare Leads to Cannonade, With Many Fatalities, at New Chwang.

London, April 12.—The Times' New Chwang correspondent, calling under date of April 11th, says: "Last night a pilot's flare was mistaken for the lights of a Japanese fleet, and the Russians fired and sank three junks with 35 guns, besides killing three junks and wounding seven in another junk." The native population is panic-stricken and leaving the town.

SMITHS FALLS SURFERS.

Smiths Falls, April 12.—The Rideau river is in flood since Sunday and has done considerable damage to Smiths Falls' industries. The dam was broken and torrents of water has damaged the foundations of some of the buildings.

Merrickville, Ont., April 12.—The breaking of the dam at Smiths Falls has caused a lot of damage here. There is great danger that the North Shore pier under the steel bridge will be carried away, which would cause disastrous results.

SATOLLI TO VISIT AMERICA.

Rome, April 12.—Cardinal Satolli, with the permission of the Pope, is going to the United States and without a mission, arriving probably in June next. As prefect of the congregation of studies, the cardinal will visit the Catholic university at Washington, and he will also make a trip to the St. Louis exposition. Several friends of the cardinal have invited him to their houses and expect that he will extend over a month. Cardinal Satolli's visit to the United States is most important as there is no record in recent times of a cardinal immediately attached to the papal court going abroad without being accredited as legate.

BOOK-MAKERS' HUT.

Mayor Revokes Licenses of Saloons Where Gambling is Carried On.

Chicago, April 12.—The most severe blow ever dealt book-making in Chicago was delivered by Mayor Harrison today, when he revoked the saloon licenses of eight places where this kind of gambling was conducted. The sensation came in the revocation of the license of James O'Leary, known the country over as "Gambling King O'Leary." O'Leary has, heretofore, been immune from interference, but the crusade against this kind of gambling now seems to mean a thorough cleaning out regardless of "influence."

O'Leary's place was closed on direct evidence obtained by two of Assistant Chief Schmitt's detectives, who placed bets on horses in two races being run at Memphis, Tenn., among the other seven reverences was that of Mont Tremes' place on North Clark street. This is only a little less known in the game than "Big Jim" O'Leary, and the heavy hand of the mayor hitting two such brilliant marks in the same day has spread consternation.

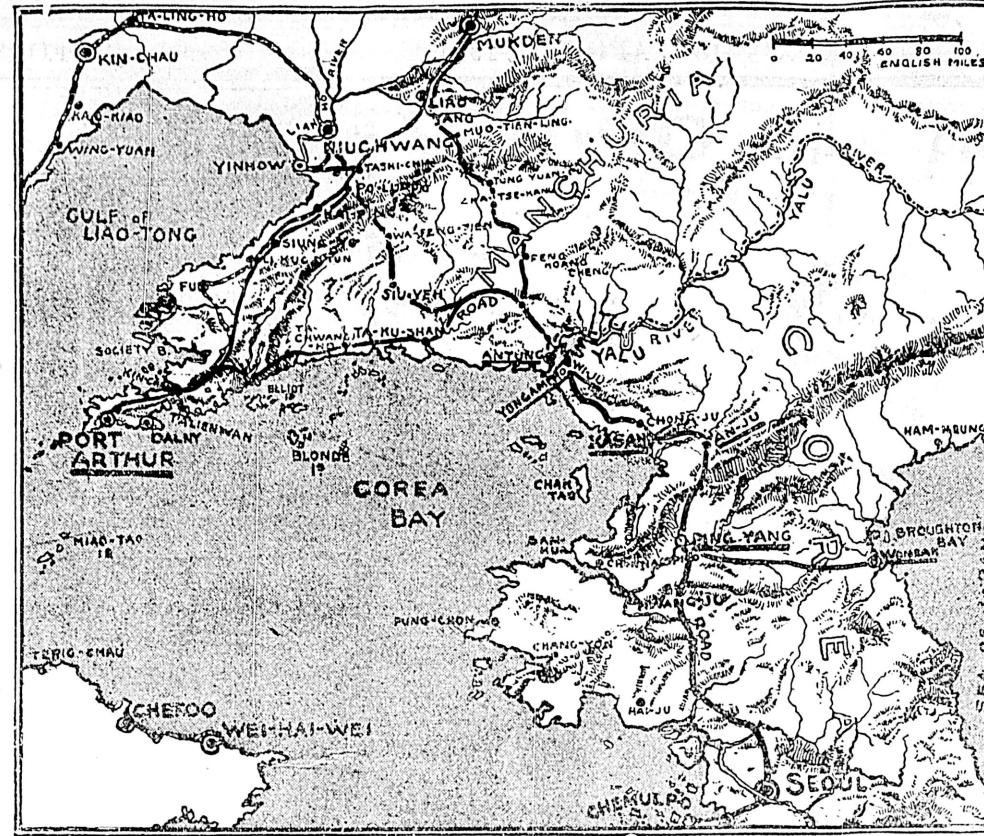
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MAP SHOWING POSITION OF MIAO-TAO ISLANDS

Where the Sea Fight between the Japanese and Russian Squadrons took place this morning.



The Long Expected Sea Fight is Reported

Chefoo, April 13.—11 a.m.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Tong Chew forty miles northwest of here telegraphs as follows: "Sounds of heavy firing were heard at half-past past six o'clock this Wednesday morning. The firing evidently was being done between here and Port Arthur. It is believed at Tong Chew that the long expected sea fight along the Miao-Tao islands has taken place. The Japanese battleship Asahi, flying an admiral's flag, was seen off Chefoo yesterday going to the west and there is no doubt that the remainder of the Japanese fleet was in the vicinity of Port Arthur. The Russian fleet also was seen outside Port Arthur yesterday."

FIRST RHODES' SCHOLARSHIP

New Brunswick Has Honor to Choose the First Scholar.

New Brunswick has the honor to choose the first Rhodes scholar for the Dominion. By arrangement made between Dr. Parkin and the colleges of the maritime provinces, the first choice of a scholar in that province fell to the faculty of the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton.

Four applications were before a judge. Those included one in the graduation class of 1903 and one graduate of 1904, that the senior in college life was the youngest of the four. His college record was not only better than that of any of his competitors, but it was the best, taking all the years and all the classes together, that has been made in the history of the school within the memory of the present staff.

As this young man also met in an unusual degree the other requirements, physical and mental, to which Cecil Rhodes attached importance, the scholarship was awarded to him.

Chester B. Martin, to whom this scholastic career has been opened, was twenty-one years old last June. He left college in his twentieth year not only with a phenomenal record in class work, laboratory work and examinations, but with a reputation as about the best-read student of his time. Also he was regarded as the best public debater of recent years in the college.

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ST. BARNABAS' BAZAAR.

New Sunday School Room Opened With Entertainment Yesterday.

The St. Barnabas' church bazaar opened in the new Sunday school house yesterday afternoon at 2:30, and continued until eleven in the evening. A large number of purchasers and friends visited the bazaar, particularly during the evening, the room being packed all night long. The room was very prettily decorated with flags, bunting, pictures, etc., and the different stalls surrounding the room were regular works of art and reflect the greatest credit on the young ladies in charge.

All were so well arranged, but the hand-kerchief stall, in charge of the young ladies, certainly carried off the palm.

It was most satisfactorily arranged being made completely out of handkerchiefs.

The work of the bazaar rested chiefly on the young ladies of the Sunday school, Miss M. E. Turner being their president.

Archdeacon Scriven opened the evening's proceedings with a very interesting and pleasing address, after which a very clever musical drill was given by some of the Sunday school's finest students. The little girls were dressed in their drill uniforms, well, their time being perfect. Rev. E. G. Miller sang a couple of songs, and Mr. Longfellow looked after the music. Financially, the bazaar was a great success. It will likely be continued tomorrow afternoon.

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Heavy Firing Heard

Chefoo, April 13.—(Noon)—The captain of the steamer Locksman, which arrived today from New Chwang, reports that he heard heavy firing between 5 and 7 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning.

The firing was continuous, but no ships were visible. From the direction of the sound he judges that there was fighting at the entrance of Port Arthur. The Locksman was the last foreign vessel to leave New Chwang, sailing at the same time as the British gunboat Espiegle, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

INTERNATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

Fraser River Canners Said to Have Now Endorsed the Plan.

Bellingham, April 12.—Fish Commissioner T. R. Kershaw returned today from Vancouver on B. C. where he went to confer with Fraser river cannery men relative to the proposed sockeye hatchery on the Fraser. He received assurances of support, and also that they would lend their assistance in the effort to have Bellingham named as the place for holding the conference between officials of the Canadian and United States governments on the hatchery question.

TO JOIN RUSSIANS.

Young Washington State Surgeon Leaves for Seat of War.

Among the passengers sailing for the Orient last night on the R. M. S. Empress of Japan was Dr. Edmund Klamke, a well known surgeon of Ilwaco, Washington, a small town a short distance from Seattle. Dr. Klamke goes to accept service with the troops of Nicholas II, having received an appointment as a hospital surgeon. He is booked for Shanghai, and from there will go either to Harbin or Mukden.

He hopes to reach Russia by the end of the month, and two weeks later expects to be engaged in active service.

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The new cancer treatment of Prof. Doyen, of Paris, depends upon the injection of a toxin produced from micro-organisms for some time past observed in rapid growth in tumors. The growth is arrested, and the tumor is removed.

A report of these treated cases was made at the meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine, and the results were favorable.

It is a simple and safe treatment.

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One Hundred Ounces Were Saved In a Shift of Ten Hours.

In twelve days the Iowa-Lillooet Dredging Company, working their new dredge has taken out an average of forty ounces of gold for each shift of ten hours.

The last day that I was there the tables were completely covered with gold. It was thought that there was at least one hundred ounces to be cleaned up for the one shift."

This important mining news was given out at Vancouver by Mr. James Amys, who has been for the past ten years engaged in mining the gravels,

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The mysterious ether that is supposed to fill all space is, the subject of a new theory by Mendeleff, the Russian chemist. He would regard it as a definite chemical substance so light that its molecular velocity is greater than gravitation, and with a power of diffusion so great that it can penetrate all bodies. He finds that there is probably a lighter element than hydrogen, with an atomic weight of about 0.4, that may be the coronium of the sun's atmosphere and volcanic gases.

The ether must have a still smaller atomic weight, certainly not over 0.17, and probably about one-millionth that of hydrogen, as the molecule must have a velocity of at least 1,400 miles a second to escape the gravitational pull of the largest bodies of the universe. This hypothetical element, almost without weight, is named Newtonium.

Regular air-sounding, with kites and balloons, and registering apparatus, was now made in the United States, Germany and Denmark, for gaining a better knowledge of the atmosphere and its problems. On a hill near Viborg, in Jutland, a two-storey tower, about thirty feet high, is mounted on rails so as to be revolved, one side being open and kept away from the wind. It is equipped with registering instruments, electric motor, two windlasses, etc., for

starting kites, while other buildings contain weather, small balloons, steaming and decommissioning for the direction and five assistants. Kites are flown with steel wire of 0.6 to 1.3 millimetre, and easily reach 200 yards in height, but attain 3,000 or 4,000 yards with difficulty and only by the use of auxiliary kites. After a recent break of a wire one kite was recovered at a distance of 150 miles.

From an account of large fungi found in France in 1902, it appears that lecypolpods 20 to 24 inches in circumference were not uncommon. Three were much larger than this, and one from Imfreville is reported by M. Maurice Touze to have been 26 inches high and nearly eight feet around, the weight being 22 pounds.

Czarina Inspecting Hospital Stores for the Front.



SCHOOL RECORD DURING MARCH

Attendance Greater Than Corresponding Month Last Year.

The daily average attendance at the public schools during the month of March exceeded that of the corresponding month last year by over 150 pupils; the increase being almost entirely in the Central and Spring Ridge schools. The attendance in these three—the Boys' Central, the Girls' Central and the Spring Ridge, a feeder of the other two, was in March, 1903: Total attendance, 1078; daily average, 1088.82; in March, 1904, total attendance, 1,149; average, daily attendance, 1,096.03. An increase, in other words, of 71 in the total, and 127.21 in the daily average.

These figures support the demand of the school board for increased accommodation for this part of the city.

The returns for last month shows a very satisfactory regularity per centage throughout the schools. The general average was 90 per cent, which was reached by more than three-fifths of all the divisions, while several went above 95 per cent. These were: High School, first division, 96.05; Girls' School, first division, 97.57; Girls' School, second division, 96.85; per cent; South Park, seventh division, 95.65; South Park, first division, 95.47; Boys' School, eleventh division, 95.46; per cent.

The following divisions reached the 90 per cent standard: High School divisions 1, 2, 5 and 6; Boys' School, divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11; Girls' School, divisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7; South Park, divisions 2, 5; South Park, seven out of eight divisions; Victoria West, every one of eight; Spring Ridge, divisions 2, 4; Hillside, division 1; Rock Bay, division 2; Kingston Street, all three divisions.

Following is the abstract for all the schools:

	Present.	Boys.	Girls.	Average.	Per Cent.	No. Present.	No. Absent.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
High	204	93	111	183.41	80.90	83	21
Boys	544	544	404	90.32	90.32	258	146
Girls	434	215	301	90.17	90.17	214	120
North	440	215	206	88.73	88.08	188	152
South	335	174	181	93.26	93.21	180	155
West	224	90	122	93.62	92.13	160	64
Spring Ridge	171	70	153	89.34	89.07	81	50
Hillside	129	78	51	115.88	89.82	56	43
Rock Bay	70	39	31	60.73	60.55	31	39
Kingston Street	149	87	62	137.60	92.34	82	67
	2,717	1,455	1,262	2,456.09	90.30	1,234	1,483

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

By Jessie Thompson, aged 11 years, 12 Langley street, Victoria, B. C., a pupil of South Park school.

William Shakespeare wrote this play not later than 1598. The story of one man claiming from another a pound of flesh is told in many countries. The form of the story was known in Europe in the Middle Ages makes the claimant a cruel Jewish money-lender. Jewish money-lenders were not only disliked because they were not to be trusted, but also because Christians then thought that all taking of interest for loans of money was wrong.

At Lytton the old dredge has been repaired and is at work for about three weeks. It is stated on what seems to be good authority, that it has averaged about \$400 per day. This dredge is not handling nearly the amount of gravel that the new one, which is about completed at Lytton, and that will begin operations next week will do. Parties are arranging for a new dredge at Big Bar and one at Big Slide.

The Iowa Company, as soon as Mr. Amys reaches the East, will arrange for building more dredges on their concessions.

The success that has been achieved at Lillooet is largely due to Mr. Amys, who has faith in it by his work. It means more to the producer than it is first realized, for there will be dredges at work on nearly every mile of the Fraser river and its tributaries within a few years. It means employment for thousands and a large revenue to the government in royalties. Successful river dredging means the investment of tens of millions and certain and permanent results. To Lillooet and Lytton it means prosperity. Ascheroff, at the point of the Fraser river, is the principal freighter. To the Cariboo and Lillooet districts it will add many mining men and much money will be expended there.

men who seemed to have been wanting Portia, but her money; Antonio, the merchant of Venice, and his friend, the player, Bassanio; Antonio's friend, Portia, rich heiress; Jessica, Shylock's daughter; Gratiano, Salanio, Salarino, Bassanio's and Antonio's friends; Lorenzo, Jessica's lover; Shylock, a Jewish usurer; Tubal, Jewish friend; Launcelot Gobbo, a clown and servant of Shylock; Leonardo, Bassanio's servant; old Gobbo, a father to Launcelot; Balthazar and Stephano, Portia's servants; Nerissa, Portia's waiting maid. There are also lots of officers and attendants at the Court of Venice.

"BOBS."

The climate summary of the British Empire for 1902 presents some interesting facts. The highest mean annual temperature was 83.2 degrees at Madras, the lowest being 37.6 degrees at Winnipeg; the greatest mean daily range was 25.5 degrees at Coolgardie (West Australia), and the least was 8.6 degrees at Hong Kong. The highest shade temperature was 111 degrees at Adelaide in February, and the lowest was 36.1 degrees below zero at Winnipeg in January. The highest temperature in the sun was 117 degrees at Trinidad. Colombo had 117 inches of rain, and Coolgardie only 14.7.

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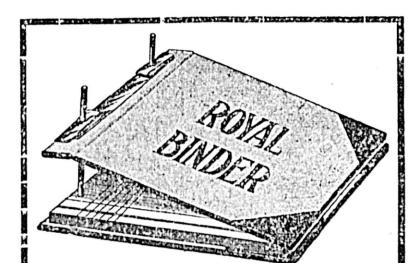
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THE LAND LAWS.

The report of an interview with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, which we published in our issue of Sunday last, should prick the bubble of criticism which some of the Opposition newspapers have been busily engaged in blowing in respect to a notice issued by the Chief Commissioner in February last. As Mr. Green said in the interview referred to some of these newspaper writers "are much less interested in securing an honest administration of public lands than in injuring the Government," if we are to judge by their statements. The action of the department in giving the note in question is to be commended as likely to bring about results beneficial to Provincial interests and of advantage to prospective settlers. Briefly stated the notice states that the department intends to carry out the provisions of the Land Act as set forth in a notice published as long ago as June, 1899, under the authority of the then Chief Commissioner, Mr. Carter-Cotton. The announcement was then made that purchasers or pre-emptors of lands whose payments on their land were overdue, were liable to have their filings or records cancelled if the arrears were not paid within one year of that date—that is by June, 1900. As payments are spread over five years, the notice of June, 1899, applied, therefore, to pre-emptors and purchases made not later than 1894. Now the Department intends to give effect to the notice of 1899.

There are hundreds of cases in the Province where purchasers and pre-emptors have failed to comply with the provisions of the law under which they entered on their claims. In many instances these settlers for one reason or another have abandoned their claims, which are now actually unoccupied. Frequently other persons desire to file on these abandoned claims, but cannot do so because the previous filings are not officially cancelled and the land open again for entry. The result is that a very large acreage is rendered unavailable for settlement and the progress of the agricultural districts thereby retarded. There is no intention of dealing harshly with bona fide settlers. Every case will be carefully considered. Indeed the provisions of the law give the pre-emptor ample protection. But it is not the law and it is not in the public interests to allow hundreds of thousands of acres to lie waste because some ten years or more ago people filed on them and afterwards abandoned their holdings. The action taken by the department is in the right direction and should be commended.

RECIPROCITY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

The "Republican" of Springfield, Massachusetts, publishes a letter from Mr. Goldwin Smith in which he expresses the opinion that the great body of Canadians are anxious for reciprocity with the United States, but that they are in the hands of the powerful manufacturers' organizations. In his letter Mr. Smith also asserts that the movement in favor of reciprocity with Canada is gaining ground both in New England and the Western States. He admits that there are obstacles to such a consummation on the other side of the boundary. There are the combination of interests that dominate the United States Senate. Then "there is the influence of the expansionist movement, which," Mr. Smith writes, "diverts the thoughts of your people from their own continent to distant objects of ambition." He also is aware that many American farmers object to reciprocity fearing the effect on their markets of the competition of Canadian farmers. Mr. Smith cannot see why they should fear Canadian competition more than that which arises "from the opening up of new agricultural States of the Union." To anyone less blinded by prejudice and un-British sentiments than Mr. Smith is, the answer to this last proposition is very simple. With competitors from another State in the Union, the rivalry is not so serious as it is with Canadians, because the former are under the same fiscal conditions while the Canadian lives under another and a much more favorable fiscal dispensation. But as that implies an indirect assertion of Canadian economical conditions being more favorable than those in the United States, Mr. Smith would not be guilty of such a departure from his declared convictions on that question. Mr. Smith sees evidences of the anti-American sentiment dying out in Canada. We were not aware that an anti-American sentiment existed in the Dominion. We are both willing and anxious to live on terms of good neighborhood with our friends across the boundary. But that does not necessarily require that we should always be prepared to sacrifice our domestic industries in order that the American producer may monopolize our home markets. Mr. Smith concludes his letter with a characteristic sneer at the people who are loyal to Canada and to the British connection, and thinks that reciprocity would merge the two nations within a short period.

But we are inclined to think that Mr. Smith is reckoning without his host, as regards a large section of the people of the United States. There may be a comparatively small number in New England and some of the Western border States who believe their particular lines of trade would be benefited by free intercourse. But they are a very small minority in the whole nation. The people of the Southern and Southeastern States know nothing of Canada, and have no desire to see anything like return to the days before the present tariff scale was inaugurated. It is difficult for aliens and outlanders to grasp any idea of the minds of the people of the States which, it has been said, contain the real essence of American national sentiment. And it may be said in no other part of the Union is there such ignorance of other countries or as little desire and inclination to cultivate closer commercial relations with them. But even in the border States reciprocity has many opponents and the atmosphere is not nearly as favorable to the movement as it was a few years ago. The farmers of Iowa do not want free trade, nor even "tariff for revenue only," such as they had under the Wilson Bill from 1894 to 1897. Their oats and corn only fetched them one-fourth of what they realized today, and they declare it is only the newspapers and the office seekers that are demanding free trade or reciprocity and cheapness. Of course, this is not sound argument, but it indicates the trend of popular sentiment in the United States. In the Dominion also there is no active propaganda for reciprocity. Mr. Charlton is the only man of any prominence in Parliament who has taken an active part in favor of it. The situation today is very different from what it was under the former reciprocity agreement. Then the United States was Canada's only market. Now in the United Kingdom we have a market which is always available and always able to take all we have for sale. Our industrial and economic condition is also very different from what it was then. In many lines of manufacture we are now able to compete on equal terms with our American rivals, and we do not intend that they shall get greater opportunities than they now have for dumping their surplus stocks in Canada to the injury of our own manufacturers. Canadians are no longer content to be merely "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to their American neighbors. We have the raw materials in great abundance and we intend to manufacture them in Canada, instead of exporting them and then importing the manufactured article.

Mr. Goldwin Smith still holds to his old views as to the currents of trade and the channels in which they should flow. He insists that trade must flow in north and south directions. We say that its natural course is east and west. We find British Columbia, Washington and Oregon have similar climatic conditions and the same natural productions. There is, therefore, no profitable interchange of commodities under such conditions. But Washington can exchange profitably with Idaho and Montana, as British Columbia can with the Territories and Manitoba. There is no similarity in climate and their productions are diverse. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Smith is so little in touch with either the situation or with the sentiments of his fellow-Canadians.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE WRESTLING MATCH.

Sir.—In reply to Mr. Boscowitz, I simply beg to refer to the terms of the advertisement which appeared in the Victoria Times:

"As a preliminary, a novel attraction has been arranged. Two ladies, Little Lady Hecto and Miss A. Vining, will wrestle. The latter is determined to win the former three times in 45 minutes."

This demanded a public protest, and I hope that it may result in the performance being stopped by the police.

I did not in any way write an ecclesiastic, but as a man. Let me assure Mr. Boscowitz that "most Ecclesiastics" certainly of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches do not another than enlightened lay men and women desire that the stage should be kept free from all indecent plays, and used only for legitimate drama. In this case the theatre is degraded into the position of a music hall, and it would be a good thing if when the licence is renewed, a written agreement should be signed that the theatre will only be used for its proper ends.

W. W. COLUMBIA, Bishopsclose, Victoria, April 12, 1904.

THE SCHOOL LOAN BY-LAW.

Sir.—Correspondents have been administering to the ratepayers general, and I am compelled to say that similarly, possibly a few pellets of concentrated fact may reveal some existent toxic hallucinations. Fact No. 1.—There are only seven pupils in the girls' school over sixteen years of age, five in the boys' school, three in the South Park and three in the North Ward—or eighteen in all. These trustees have no authority to exclude if they wished a special accommodation if they had the authority and used it.

Fact No. 2.—This time last year there were too many pupils attending the Central and Spruce Ridge schools for the available accommodations. Now there are about 100 more than there were then and a good many new six-year-olds are being refused admission.

Fact No. 3.—Make-shift accommodations are always expensive, viz.: The Victoria "West school" is costing this year about \$550 more than it would if classrooms were of the ordinary size, for the rented room and one teacher could be dispensed with in that case. Similarly in the North Ward school. One teacher, in an ordinary class room could do the work that two are doing in the two small, ill-lit, unventilated rooms that are being used as class rooms. In other words, these are being charged to the ratepayers at least \$1.30 more than they would if there were enough proper class room accommodations.

Fact No. 4—if the by-law receives the assent of the ratepayers and the proposed buildings are erected such a redistribution of the pupils in the various schools may be made as will relieve considerably all the pressure.

Fact No. 5.—If the by-law does not receive the assent of the electors, the trustees will be compelled to resort to other expensive make-shifts, in order to house the children that are and should be at school.

F. H. EATON, April 12, 1904.

MR. MUSGRAVE REPLIES.

Sir.—Two letters appeared in yesterday's Times referring to mine of Sunday the 10th. That of Mr. W. A. Robertson hardly deserves an answer. I shall only remark that to that gentleman that "abuse is no argument." I have no complaint to make in regard to Mr. Langlin's protest. I should however like to add that he stated more clearly the distinction in his stand between charitable and non-charitable institutions. His reference to McGill University and its support by the "benevolent persons" which lead him to classify it as a charitable institution, leads to the conclusion that his definition depends upon the source from which the publication—Ottawa Free Press.

But we are inclined to think that Mr. Langlin's protest is well founded. It is a charitable institution because it is built and supported from the rates? To my mind this means a distinction without a difference. There is, in my opinion, a true analogy between a system of law courts for the protection of a whole community and the schools for the protection of a class of these, the religious grammar school. Mr. Langlin's protest, I am obliged to say that I have no apology to offer for what I think, a correct definition. Whether the "broad and solid Canadian principle" referred to and Canadian ideas as to "the only possible construction of the English language" are right or wrong is a matter of opinion. If I am, as Mr. Langlin is, of the opinion that Canadian ideas are better, I must say that such a position may be, I must be content to remain so. Whatever excuse there may be for what I must continue to term a system of government charity schools in countries where there may be great masses of poverty-stricken people, I hold that there is none here, and irrespective of the false and illegitimate abuse of the principle, it is derived from the administration of our system, most extravagant and in many respects inefficient. I therefore again ask those in Victoria who have anything to lose, to vote against the proposed by-law and to refuse to vote any more money for educational purposes until the high schools are made self-supporting, the age limit reduced to fourteen and some attempt made for economy in administration.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE, Victoria, April 12, 1904.

ten are supplied. If those funds come from individuals the institution is charitable; if from the State then it is not so, if I voluntarily contribute to the support of a school for the education of other people's children, that becomes a charity school but if I am forced by the State to do so the word is not justified.

Does Mr. Langlin's protest to define a charitable work, workshop as a charitable institution because it is built and supported from the rates?

A correspondent of the Argonaut asks us that parents, after allowing their boys to run at large, in all sorts of company, and to form vicious habits, should call upon parliament to save them from a particular evil, by removing the means.

If the parents in most cases had done their duty, there would be no desire on the part of the boy to wander into vicious ways.—Amherst Telegram.

A correspondent of the Argonaut asks us a hard question. "Why," he says, "are you so hard on King Leopold of Belgium for permitting the slave-traffic in Africa, when Uncle Sam permits it on our soil in Asia?" Alas and alack! Why will not such questions be asked of politicians by a Sunday school scholar why God made mosquitoes, blandly inquire: "Now what little girl would like to answer that question?" It seems as if we American editors were never going to be permitted to feel downright virtuous any more! Do we rise and point a denunciatory finger at a prostrate like Leopold—somebody, in an obscure corner, lifts up his voice, and the blithering school asks, "What is the King of Belgium?"

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EDWARD MUSGRAVE, Victoria, April 12, 1904.

In the United States the movement in favor of reciprocity with China is gaining ground, and leading men of both parties support it. It finds its greatest degree in strength, however, in the Far West, and the Far East. The States immediately south of our Northwest look upon it as a means of extending their business into promising territory, just as we look up to settlement, and the opening up to settlement, and it becomes an important matter in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Mr. Langlin would much like to have the Canadian West rendered tributary to them for trading purposes. They are also alive to the advantage to be derived from the handling and milling of the hard wheat of Manitoba.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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MEN AND THINGS.

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The Rev. John Sinclair, who has just been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Brooklyn, Mass., is the eighteenth Earl of Caithness. The title is as long as he lives, but a former earl, who died the same day, and the title can never be included in a will.

Congressman Fletcher, of Minneapolis, had occasion to visit the federal buildings in his city on several occasions lately and found the elevator there to be a phenomenally slow affair. On his return to Washington he went to the treasury department and urged Supervising Architect Taylor to do in in his new library, Mr. Taylor, he said, answered, "We have no idea how slow that elevator is. Upon my soul, it seems to go up one day and come down the next." He secured a promise of speedy improvement.

I have heard kicking talk enough to make one sick from head to foot on this judgment proposition and I will say for one, it was let down very hard on my setters and truly believe it was a just and proper decision, and believe and know that our friends in the Dominion are equally satisfied, and as a Judge of the setter and pointer classes stands second to none. Now let us take our nice, clean whipping friendly and lovingly, for no man can be a true sport that cannot take defeat in a lovable manner. For there is no dog ever lived but there is one to be found just as good or better.

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Camille Pelletan, the French Minister of Marine, has a disregard for meedles of dress which makes him a favorite with sportswomen, take a white hair and beard, to be perfectly unadorned with a comb, his trousers are nearly always too long, and he delights in a frock coat several sizes too large for him. Huge boots, faded neckties and cuffs that are generally on the verge of fringe are other parts of his unique make-up. His friends remonstrate with him regarding his carelessness, but M. Pelletan responds calmly: "What matter so long as I am comfortable."

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83 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Terminal Railway.—On Monday evening a special meeting of the Victoria Terminal Company was held in the offices of the company. Private business relative to the affairs of the Victoria Terminal was transacted.

Adding a Storey.—Work on the job of adding another storey to the Dominion Building, 10 Yates street commenced yesterday morning. Russ Hunt has been awarded the contract. The building is a three-storey brick structure. A fourth storey added to its height will not only greatly add to the hotel's accommodation, but also to its appearance.

Work on Sewers.—City Engineer Topp informed a Colonist reporter yesterday that work on the job of sewer extension will be recommended immediately, about the time being given implement. It is intended to give better sewerage facilities to the populous districts first, before going ahead with work in the outlying sections.

The New Poundkeeper.—The new poundkeeper, Mr. Wallace J. Craig, who has now entered upon his duties, is regarded as a very capable man and one who will give eminent satisfaction. His application for the position was supported by testimonials from the leading business men, and his tenure of office is likely to be characterized by highly satisfactory service to the city.

South Park School.—The head pupils of South Park school for last month were: Division Marie Louise, 2nd; Joseph Gaynor, 3rd; Jessie Connor, 4th; Harold Brasier, 5th; Edith Noble, 6th; Olivia Grace Cameron, 7th; John Gordon McCay; Sch. Alexandra Mary Whyte.

Chance to Get Kangaroo.—Ald. Goodale, chairman of the park committee, has a chance to get a fine addition to the menagerie at Beacon hill. A young kangaroo which is on board the barque Hebe has been attracting much attention from the residents of Ladysmith during the last few days. It is needless to add that it was brought from Australia and is only about nine months old.

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Naval Stores Damaged.—Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock fire was discovered in the navy yard in the electrical store, which is generally known as the "dark room." The damage is supposed to have been the result of crossed wires. The damage to electrical fixtures within the building from water and fire together is believed to be considerable. The fire was confined to the one building, which, being of brick and stone and very solidly erected, was not in itself injured a great deal. A new fire engine was recently acquired from the Old Country which places the safety of the yard from fire on much more secure basis than heretofore.

Police Court.—Yesterday morning in the police court the following cases were heard: William Evans for infraction of streets by day, fined \$5. Richard Ophurans convicted for breaking locks on the public streets. Tom Frank, a Saanich Indian, was sentenced to six week's imprisonment for obtaining money from Mr. Brown of Brown & Cooper, under false pretences. J. Styles for infraction of streets by day convicted and fined \$5. The case against Won Dong for refusing to pay road tax was withdrawn on payment with costs.

The Hot Wave.—Unusually warm weather now prevails in British Columbia and along the coast and serious floods in the interior are anticipated. Inquiry at the meteorological station reveals the fact that the average temperature for the month of April has been 47 degrees. The temperature of 70 degrees attained on Monday was by far the highest for the season. It is not, however, the hottest weather experienced for the month of April as in 1900, on the last two days of the month, the thermometer registered 75 degrees. In 1902 and 1903 the highest for the month was 58 degrees. In 1902 and 1903 the highest temperature reached was 61 degrees during the month of April.

High School Alumni.—The regular quarterly meeting of the High School Alumni Association will be held Friday evening at the Assembly hall at 8:30 o'clock. The meeting will take the form of a dance. Mrs. Simpson, an old pupil of the school, is directing the dance arrangements, while a committee of young ladies are arranging for refreshments. Dancing will last from 9 until 12, and the association extends an invitation to all pupils of the High School and a cordial invitation to be present. There will be no admission fee and the society hopes that as many as possible of the former pupils of the High school will be present to reunite for an evening in memory of school days together.

Change of Schedule.—Tomorrow the summer time table of the E. & N. railway will go into effect. The material change is the schedule of the Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon trains, which will leave here at 4 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., as at present, and the trains arriving here at 7:35 p.m. which is one hour later than normal.

A Great Actor.—Of Mr. Charles Hanford, who presents the "Merchant of Venice" here on the 19th, the dramatic critic of the Los Angeles Times says: "Mr. Hanford's distinct success in the portrayal of widely divergent characters stands him in high repute, as an artist of versatility. This verdict is fully confirmed by his almost equal success in numerous other roles of his repertoire. The author has watched this actor's advancement year by year for a decade and a half, and he does not hesitate to classify Mr. Hanford today as among the very first of our living exponents of the Shakespearean drama. This class is not overpowered, nor is it likely ever to be, for to reach it means the best part of a lifetime consecrated to hard work and self-denial."

Vestry Meeting.—At the Easter vestry meeting of the St. James church, held on Monday last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rector's warden, Mr. F. H. Wellington; people's warden, Mr. H. T. Marsh; clerk to the vestry, Mr. J. H. Sweet; sidesmen, Messrs. W. Lont, J. H. Sweet, J. Goldfarb and N. Scott; church committee, Messrs. Mathewson, Conroy, Holloway, Goddard, Clarke, Capt. W. L. Carr, Hilton, Lt. Page, F. N. Denison, Scott, Walter, Broderick; rural deacons and Holloway, with the two churchwardens.

Tonight's Attraction.—Victoria theatre-goers will this evening have an opportunity of enjoying the production in this city of the lively English musical play, "The Silver Slipper," which comes direct from an extended run in New York eight weeks. This taking success is said to be the most magnificent in costumed and scenic effects that has ever been given to a musical comedy. By the same authors who wrote "Florodora," it contains equally attractive scenes of melody and numerous fascinating features, including the marvelous "Champagne Dance" and famous beauty chorus.

(Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Simpson will hold the closing dances of their classes as follows: Children's class, Friday, April 26th; Evening classes, Saturday, April 27th, in the Assembly hall. The children will have a fancy dress ball, but fancy dress will not be compulsory. For any further particulars apply at hall.

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Need Sprinkling.—With the advent of warm weather, the roads leading to the outer wharf are in a very dusty condition and the watering carts could visit them with profit.

Excursions From Seattle.—From private information which has reached the city, a number of summer excursions are being planned under the auspices of the Argus newspaper of Seattle, and a strong effort is to be made to induce the pleasure-seekers to visit Victoria.

The Sealing Question.—President Roosevelt has signed joint resolutions extending the invitation of congress to the inter-parliamentary union and providing for the entertainment of its members, and requesting the president of the United States to negotiate with the government of Great Britain for a revision of the regulations which will govern the taking of fur seals in the open waters of the North Pacific ocean and Behring sea.

Bound For Atlin.—Mr. T. H. Taylor, P. L. S., of Windermere, who at present is a guest at the Victoria hotel, leaves today for the Cottage City for Atlin. Mr. Taylor is taking up the practice of Mr. G. Grawe, P. L. S., who is at present being too busy to attend to it. Mr. H. St. J. Montizambert, a mining man from Windermere, accompanies Mr. Taylor, for the purpose of looking over the different camps in that district.

Secretary Resigns.—The announcement is made that at the next meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club T. P. McConnell, who has acted as secretary for several years past, has decided to submit his resignation. Mr. McConnell finds that he will be too busy in the future to attend to the onerous duties falling to that official. As he has given every satisfaction during his term of office, his decision will be unwelcome news to all fanciers. The late show was a financial success.

John Peltier Dead.—Mr. John Peltier of Fisgard street died last evening after a lingering illness. Deceased was aged 73 years and 5 months, and a native of Niedberg, Prussia. He came to British Columbia in 1881, and to Victoria in 1881, when he immediately started in business, continuing until a few years ago. He leaves a widow and her brother, Mr. R. Steltz, and family. The funeral is arranged for Friday at 2:30 p.m., and will be under the auspices of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

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Seattle Dog Show.—Today the annual Seattle kennel show will open in the Sound city and continue Saturday. The local handler left for the Sound, taking with him a number of prize winning canines. The string includes two Gordon setters belonging to S. W. Bodley, two cockers belonging to E. W. Creighton, and the St. Bernard, His Highness, owned by F. W. Hall. Wande Revelry, the fox terrier winner here, will be shown next week at Portland, and at the shows to be held later on in California. T. P. McConnell's Count Rego and other prize winner English setters will be put in competition.

Yukon Freight Rates.—The new joint freight tariff of the steamship lines along the White Pass & Yukon railway on shipments from Alaska, sound and British Columbia ports to Dawson via Skagway was announced yesterday. There are material reductions as compared with the rates prevailing last season. The new rates will be effective on April 15th. The reductions was due to a desire to induce shippers to get their goods into Dawson during the season of high water on the Yukon, when navigation is comparatively easy. From statistics concerning the opening of navigation on the upper Yukon it may be judged that steamers will be running from White Horse to Dawson any time between May 25th and June 10th. Last year the first vessel to make the through trip was the White Horse, which sailed from White Horse two days later, and reached Dawson two days later.

Poultry Association.—The regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Pet Stock and Poultry Association was held last evening. The matter of choosing a judge for the next annual show, to be held on January 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1905, came up, and after some discussion it was decided to write to Mr. C. J. Finsdale, a California judge, to come and judge here. He will judge the cattle show during the week previous. The treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$1,150 in hand, after everything had been paid, of \$814.15, which, with \$22,290 deducted, the balance in hand the year previous, showed that the sum of \$58.25 had been cleared at the show held last January. It was resolved to pay one-half of the money subscribed towards the purchasing of coops to the donors, viz., \$60, which will leave a balance in hand for current expenses of \$21.15. On account of the poor attendance, the matter of electing officers was left over with the regular meeting next month, when it is hoped, that there will be a full and representative attendance.

RESERVE FORCE.—

The healthy body has a certain amount of strength reserved in case of emergency, attack by disease or unusual physical exhaustion, without this power of resistance a person is an easy prey to every ill that may befall him. The Reserve Force is a body of men who are well educated and creating new moral standards. The Reserve Force keeps the health at high water mark and fills the body with the vigor and vitality that overcomes and defies disease.

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BIG SHIPMENT OF NEW JACKETS.—The Westside yesterday received direct from Europe another large shipment of Ladies' Jackets. The styles are some of the finest creations that ever graced this popular store. Mantle showroom.

Your garden is calling for water. If you want a good watering can cheap, give us a call. Galvanized Iron Cans (the kind that don't rust), well braced spouts and handles, roses that unscrew. Tin Water Cans, well made and painted throughout. Prices 25c. to \$1.10. R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas street.

Finch & Finch Haberdashers and Furnishers, 57 Government street, have a stock of Underwear broad enough to meet the demands of all. Their assortment in all lines of these goods are large, and there is nothing missing, while their prices will be found to be within the reach of all. See their ad on fifth page for a few particulars as to lines and prices.

Le Petite Crystal Theatre.—The Hall at the little family playhouse in the Dawson block has as announced in Sunday's Colonist, proven to be one of the most interesting productions yet given by the company, and as a result the house has been well filled at each performance. The management deserve credit for their efforts to keep up first class and clean shows.

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The hand is the link between man and man: It signs the pledge of every social bond, its symbolism plays an important part in all the functions of public life—whether it be as the priestly hand, uplifted in solemn benediction, or as the silent witness to spoken words, when raised on high to testify to the sanctity of an oath. Clasped hands are the emblem of the alliance of nations; as of individuals, the frank grasp of the hand is the token of loyal friend; the clasp, the stroke of hand, the sign of welcome; the reconciliation that puts an end to a lifelong feud is attested by the simple action of joining hands. Man's instinctive homage to woman is never better expressed than by the touch of the lips upon her hand—the chivalrous deference to the whole sex is most fittingly symbolised in this simple action. The recognition of its high import has caused numerous proverbial expressions relating to the hand to pass into our daily speech; to go through life "hand in hand" has become synonymous with most entire and perfect content; we speak of those who are unduly influenced by others as having fallen "into bad hands," and the expression "to lend a hand" is equivalent to giving help in any form—not necessarily of a material nature. Above all, the supreme beauty of the hand, its instinctive abhorrence of the touch that contaminates, of all base, unworthy action, its shrinking from aught that might sully its native purity—is not all this admirably summed up in the popular acceptance of "clean hands" as the symbol of unstained honor?

This supreme significance of the hand in social intercourse has its counterpart in its importance to the individual organism, where it serves as a swift and sure medium of correspondence between consciousness and the outer world. The physical welfare of the human race seems to require an opposition so emphatic as that of this sensitive and highly elaborated member, which has become like speech itself, a vehicle for the rendering in concrete form of mental conceptions, the dictates of the will, and the impressions of the senses. In the written characters it traces, thereby lending enduring form to the thought of passing generations, in the figures it models in clay or carves in imperishable marble, as in the pictures wherein by means of line and color it fixes on the canvas fleeting scenes of the outer world or still faint glimmers of the interior vision—in all these processes we perceive the hand at work as the trained instrument—almost we might say as the conscious agent of the brain—and the services it renders in giving objective life to the creations of the latter are indeed of incalculable worth. Nor are these services confined to the plastic arts alone—though their action there is paramount and indispensable—but music, also, that most ethereal language of the human soul—music itself would lose almost all its significance and be shut out from the sphere of the most complex development, had there not been bestowed upon it, in addition to the singing voice, the fingers, whose touch upon the keys or strings has power to draw from their depths the hidden sweetness, slumbering within. Man's noblest ideas must in course of time have perished, sterile and forgotten, had there been no means of recording them,—the highest flights of the imagination could never have taken shape, but for this interpreter.

But it is above all in its unrestrained spontaneous movements, in the direct and involuntary expression of strong and violent emotion, that the hand of most eloquence lies. Ringers among whom the habit of gesticulation has died out can perhaps hardly appreciate the full force of meaning to be conveyed in the graceful and appropriate gestures of a pair of shapely hands. Just as an expressive countenance may be likened to a mirror that reflects the hidden workings of the soul, so may every turn, every twist—nay, the merest quiver of the hand—serve—more definitely and more accurately even than the most mobile play of feature—as a revelation of each passing mood, each fleeting impulse of expression. From the living coruscate a light touch imparts to the malady inkled in the hand; the fingers uplifted menacingly, is there any shade of feeling so subtle or so intense that it cannot be rendered in this mute language, which unlike the forms of articulate speech—is not restricted to any special branch of the human race, but is equally clear and comprehensive to all? Can we mistake their purport, these convulsive signs of joy or sorrow, hope or fear,—the deprecatory or disdainful wave, the start of surprise or nervous tremor of doubt, the rapid beating together of the palms in acclamation, the spasmodic clenching of the fist in anger or despair? Do they not tell their own tale, these hands now outstretched in eager entreaty over the bosom, now clasped firmly around some cherished object, or again silently wrung in agony or clasped in prayer? In their dumb show, defiance or scorn, wonder, horror, and remorse, are made visible to us, as it were by so many lightning flashes cast upon the sombre drama perpetually being enacted within the depths of the human soul. And although within the nar-

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SPORTING NEWS.

BASEBALL.

Another Player Secured.

Last evening, Manager Willis received a letter from Teadyay, who has played for the past three or four years for the Seattle team, and is with the Northwestern League, indicating his willingness to play for Victoria during the coming season. It is very probable that his offer will be accepted and that he will captain the locals, playing on first base. He is a man with twenty years' experience and is a big hitter. Last year, playing in the outfield for the Seattle league team, he batted for 117 home games, finishing second with a average of .392. He made 32 two-baggers, many of which would have been home runs had it not been for the short right field fence. During his twenty years' experience he has always had the reputation of being a very heavy hitter, and will be a decided acquisition to the team, his age and experience making him an invaluable asset.

In the earlier years he played for the Washington team in the National League, and Mr. Willis is to be congratulated in securing such a player for Victoria. It is expected that he will arrive here later than next week.

A meeting of representatives of the various teams in the City League was held last evening in Chief Watson's office. The clubs represented were: Y. M. C. A., Fernwood and Hillside. A number of important changes were made in the constitution. Provision was made for the formation of intermediate and junior leagues. Applications for entry in either the senior, intermediate or junior grades may be made to H. W. Northeast, Y. M. C. A., building up to the 26th inst., when the executive will meet and prepare the schedule for the coming season.

WRESTLING.

No Match Last Night.

On account of the very small number of people who turned out to see Tom Davis and Nick Spensky wrestle at the Victoria theatre last night, a match was declared off and the people who had paid had their money refunded.

PERSONALS.

F. V. Bedwell, of Vancouver, came over from the Mainland last night, and is registered at the Dirdar.

George Fraser, M. P. P. for Grand Forks, is a visitor in the city.

C. S. Prosser, New York; Jos. E. Dixon, San Francisco; J. McLellan, St. Paul, are registered at the Dirdar.

James Fowler, W. W. Bird, A. A. Booth and daughter, D. Campbell, Vancouver; D. McKenzie and wife, Revelstoke; A. E. Stuart and O. H. Olsen, Vancouver, are registered at the Vernon.

E. Shaffer, A. H. Adams, Port Townsend; F. W. Parker, L. V. Drury, C. F. Foster, Seattle; E. J. P. Smith, Toronto; Charles H. Ross, Montreal; A. J. Smith, Salt Spring Island; Mrs. Perry and Mrs. McAuley, Waterton, are registered at the Hotel Victoria.

Mrs. Scholefield and daughter, accompanied by Miss Gillespie and Miss Worlock, leave Vancouver today en route for England.

REAL THING.

"What is your idea of a model husband?" asked the fair leap year maid. "A model husband," replied the woman who had been up against the matrimonial game three times, "is a man who writes checks and dresses as his wife dictates."—Chicago News.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE.

New York, April 12.—Today's stock market was still lacking in the animation which has characterized the trading previous to this one, and the sagging tendency of prices became rather more pronounced than yesterday. There was not the same effort to lift prices by the stimulating effect of marking up stocks. The market was not left to drift at a doltish, however, but a sort of nursing process was adopted.

It is the prevailing conviction in Wall street that the recent campaign for higher prices has enjoyed the auspices of some influential capitalists who believed that outside interest in speculation would be awakened in the way. The course of today's market was evidently influenced by the government report on the conditions of winter wheat. The free offerings in the wheat market serve to modify the mad impression of the report. The report of the United States Steel Corporation has announced the option for the purchase of 55,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron possibly helped to depress the preferred stock. The concentrated absorption in the second bonds was the feature of the early market, in which same \$2,000,000 or upwards of these bonds were taken by one firm. The impression was conveyed that such of this was on orders for German account. Reports that grain rates had been agreed upon by the railroads were received with satisfaction. A large amount of traffic is said to be held back in the expectation that cut rates would be offered later when lake navigation had opened. The nature of Union Pacific's advance of a point to lift the market was followed by a steady decline with a large part of the dealing in United States Steel second 5's. Total sales, par value, \$4,710,000. United \$4's bonds were unchanged on call.

Pig iron, firm; copper, firm; lead, firm; tin, quiet. Straights, 27.875/40. Plates, market easy; spelter, 28.121/2. Plates, market easy; spelter, 28.121/2.

Chicago, April 12.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, May 92¢; July 93¢; old 86¢; Sept. 86¢; old 81¢; Corn, April, 51¢; May, 62¢; July 49¢; Sept. 48¢; old 49¢; Oats, May 37¢; July 35¢; July 35¢.

New York, 12.—Close. Money on call easy, 1/4 to 3/4 per cent. Time loans easy. Sixty days 21/2 per cent; Ninety days, 23/4; six months 31/2; Prime Mercantile Paper 41/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual sales in London at \$4,87.30 @ \$48.35 per demand and at \$4,85.50 @ \$48.35 per sixty days; posted bills \$4,85.50 @ \$48.35; commercial bills \$4,84%; bar silver 63%; Mexican dollars 43%; bonds, Government steady; railway 43%;

Rheumatism—Try Griffith's Menthol Liniment.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, April 12—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer remains comparatively high over Northern British Columbia, while off the coast it is falling. These conditions have caused a continuation of dry warm winds from the interior and exceptionally high tides over the Pacific Slope. B.C. and on the Lower Mainland the temperature has reached 74, and the Kootenay 70, while Seattle reported 80 and in Southern Oregon 90. The temperature is 63 in Alberta.

TEMPERATURE.

Victoria, Min. Max. New Westminster, 56, 74. Kamloops, 40, 74. Barkerville, 34, 62. Fort Simpson, 42, 62. Dawson, 34, 62. Calgary, 38, 68. Winnipeg, 24, 38. Portage, 58, 88. San Francisco, 54, 62.

FORECASTS

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacifc time) Wednesday: Winds chiefly light to moderate, continued fair and warm. Lower Mainland: Winds chiefly light in force, continued fair and warm.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 p.m., noon and 5 a.m. in Victoria.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

5 p.m....58 Mean, 68.

Noon....68 Highest, 74.

5 p.m....64 Lowest, 56.

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m....6 miles north.

Noon....8 miles north.

5 p.m....2 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Clear.

Rain—None.

Thunder—None.

Barometer at noon—observed, 29.024 corrected, 29.027.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected, 29.80.

CATARH.

Mr. Williams, Church St., Toronto, writes: "I know Japanese Catarh Cure to be an article of merit. It gave me immediate relief and cured me completely of Catarh that had been acute for years. I tried every other remedy known for Catarh but they only gave temporary relief. I am now free from every symptom." Surfer give it a trial. 50¢ at all druggists.

PASSENGERS.

Passenger list for the *Normandie*, Charles, Rev. Jenkins, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Cyril, Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. E. Jones, L. T. Smith, D. Foote, R. Stevens, T. A. LaPage, J. R. Jones, W. V. Montague, C. S. James, Mrs. La Roche, J. C. Derringer, Mrs. J. Barrister.

Passenger list S.S. *Beaumaris* from Seattle: H. H. Sandy, G. Dunbar, M. Mahan, Miss McCullough, E. T. Blaine, Miss McNeill, J. A. McIntosh, Mr. Fraser, Mr. McCullough, Mr. Blaine, Mr. Wintermute, Mr. McCullough, J. H. Fox, C. Ward, Mr. DeSile, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Moore, Ben Allard, Mrs. Henry Carters, C. S. Alister, A. T. Nims, C. E. Barr, J. E. Blair, Mrs. A. F. Nims, Mrs. Alter, Mrs. A. Orth, Mr. Ayer, W. J. Young, Mrs. J. W. Orth, A. C. Jones, Mrs. Young, J. T. Kendall, W. Sheffer, Mr. Mun, Miss Price.

CHAS. KENT.

Treasurer and Collector, City Treasurer and Collector's Office, City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

An extension of the time by which receipts of appeal as above may be received is granted until the 25th day of April, A. D. 1904.

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Vote To-morrow On Civic Bylaws

Judgment of Ratepayers Asked on School Loan and Bay Street Scheme.

Trustee Jay Makes an Interesting Reply to Numerous Critics.

Ratepayers will be called upon to-morrow to vote on the School Loan By-law, 1904, and the Point Ellice Bridge Loan Diverting By-law, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the polling stations being as follows:

For the North Ward, at room 9 of the Public Market building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward, at room 7 of the Public Market building, Cormorant street.

Replying to Mr. Sorby and numerous other critics of the policy of the school board, Trustee Jay says:

"Following a resolution passed at the last meeting of the school board, a communication was addressed to the minister of education asking whether the government would be willing, at the earliest opportunity, in the event of the bylaws receiving the assent of the ratepayers and the city providing a new site and building, to so amend the Public Schools Act as to release the present school property at Victoria West from the trust for school purposes, and so to provide that it shall be vested in the municipal corporation for its own use. A favorable reply has been received by the school board to this request, in so far as the members of the government now in the city are concerned."

"In the many communications that have recently appeared in the press from the pen of Mr. Sorby, that gentleman seeks to cast upon the school board the responsibilities of the legislature.

"The School Act provides that it shall be the duty of the school trustees in the several cities throughout the province to provide school accommodation and tuition free of charge, to all children in the district between 6 and 16 years of age, inclusive.

"If Mr. Sorby is sincere in his demand that the duty of school boards shall be confined to providing accommodation and tuition—for pupils from 6 to 14 years of age, I submit that he should attempt to extract from the city members of the provincial legislature a pledge to introduce amendments to the Public Schools Act in that direction, but I emphatically protest against his attempt to strangle the board in its earnest endeavor to provide schools to the standard that the citizens and the state demand of education demands."

"The school board of this city, in the performance of its statutory duty has, for the past two years, been faced with an ever-increasing demand for additional accommodation and as a temporary makeshift has been driven to the expedient of converting cloakrooms and outbuildings into classrooms to provide for the increase of school population."

"Mr. Sorby lays stress upon the fact that there has during the past year been a decrease in the number of pupils attending the North Ward school. It is true that last midsummer there was a slight reduction in the number of pupils at this school, due to the exclusion of children residing beyond the city limits, but the over-crowding existed before, and exists now both in the North Ward and Central schools, and there is no provision for the influx of new pupils to be expected at the opening of next term."

"As to the charge that the over-crowd-

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Mr. A. L. Godfrey is well known to everyone in Victoria where he has been engaged in business for many years. "Last winter I had a grippe," he writes, "and recovered very slowly. When well enough to leave the house I was many pounds lighter than my usual weight. My appetite was poor and my blood was thin. Ferrozone did me untold good. I recovered my weight in a short time and have felt like a different man ever since. I consider Ferrozone a wonderful tonic and a first-class remedy for people who are run down. My reasons for believing Ferrozone so good are due to its bringing me health after doctors and medicines had failed. My weight has increased at least ten pounds, my blood is strong and my system is in a very vigorous condition. Ferrozone did it."

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Mrs. G. C. Alker writes: "A few months ago I was run down, tired and nervous. I had once before been benefited by Ferrozone, when living in Boston, and started using it again. Ferrozone at once gave me a splendid appetite and up my nerves, and actually made me fat. Just Ferrozone regularly increased my weight several pounds. My cheeks filled out and became rosy. My nervous trouble disappeared, and I haven't had a single day's illness since using Ferrozone."

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ston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

Victoria and The Orient

Grand Opportunity and Special Advantages Possessed By This City.

The Day's General Shipping Intelligence of Harbor and Coast.

Are the merchants of Victoria interested in the development of the trade with the Orient? This was the question put to several Victoria merchants yesterday afternoon by a Colonial reporter, and their unanimous reply was that Victoria merchants are intensely interested in the matter.

Further, it is not too much to say that the merchants of Victoria, if they can be shown by a person possessing the necessary experience of the conditions both in the Orient and in Canada, will strongly support any project looking to the opening up of the Oriental countries to Victoria's trade.

All the merchants seem to have read with deep interest and hope the interviews with Mr. Andrew R. Tufts, of Shanghai, which have appeared in the Colonist, and several expressed surprise that such a man should not be invited to deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Victoria Board of Trade on the subject of Oriental trade. He seems to be in all directions competent to give a most instructive talk to the city merchants on such a subject.

The great advantages possessed by Victoria over all other competitors for the trade with the Orient, seen at first, its proximity to the Orient; second, the suitability of its situation for the manufacture of all products of wheat, such as flour, bran, middlings, chaff and other by-products, thus saving to the shipper the enormous railway tolls which simply put Victoria and almost all of Canada, out of the competition for this class of trade in the Far East. If mills could be erected here that would manufacture these products on a vast scale, anticipating no pauper load orders, but shipload orders, Victoria could compete most successfully with any part of the world in those products in the Orient.

The great importance which the erection here of such manufactures would give to the agricultural industries of the country not only of the Island, but also of the immense fertile areas of the Mainland, would be beyond calculation. And to stimulate the agriculture of the country there is the right to reject any or all tenders.

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According to the representative merchants spoken to, there should be a decided movement toward the formation of a Victoria Merchant Traders' Oriental Trade Association for the express purpose of exploiting the golden markets of the Orient.

The present war will offer no obstacle to the fostering of this trade; the best informed declare that the longer it lasts the better are the orders for such products as those mentioned likely to be. And after the war, more particularly if Japan wins, the Orient will be unrivaled as a market for many of the products which Canada, and especially this Western section of the Dominion, can supply in abundance.

It is understood that the work of organizing a company of Victorians to enter the Oriental trading field in earnest is progressing favorably, and that very soon the formation of a permanent organization will be in order. It is anticipated once again knocking at Victoria's front door, and waiting for an answer. Should that answer in this case be in the affirmative, it is predicted by those who know what they are talking about, that this city will undergo a transformation within the next five years such as has most ardent well-wishers never imagined in their brightest dreams.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

First Concert Takes Place at Institute Hall on Thursday Week.

Music lovers of Victoria are looking forward to Thursday, the 21st inst., on which date the Amateur Orchestral Society will give their first concert in Institute Hall. Final rehearsals are now taking place and a performance of a character altogether unprecedented in this city except by such world-renowned organizations as the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic.

It is intended for the Society, which will be assisted by Mrs. F. B. Pemberton and the talented conductor, Mr. Watkiss, will be heard in a piano solo. Tickets and reserved seats can be secured at Wait's Music Store.

PLEIADES' BIG CARGO.

Six thousand tons of American freight, much of it Puget Sound products, left Seattle at an early hour yesterday morning for the war zone of the Far East, as cargo of the Boston Steamship Company's Pleiades, Capt. F. G. Purtington. The consignments of the Pleiades are for Yokohama, Kobe and Moji, all Japan.

On this voyage the vessel, in view of the war between Russia and Japan, will make no attempt to reach Port Arthur, Vladivostok or any other Siberian or Russian-Chinese port. She was in the harbor of Port Arthur during the first days of the engagement between the Japanese and Russians, the only American vessel there at that time. On this voyage she goes no further than Japan, though some of her freight will be transshipped to Shanghai. Eventually a quantity of the Pleiades' cargo will find its way to the Japanese forces in the field.

The consignments are principally flour, salmon, nails, wire, horseshoes, condensed milk, machinery, beer, cigar-ettes, cotton and tobacco. She has a shipment of about 40,000 cases of salmon. No barley was taken by the Pleiades, though large consignments were made by other vessels of the line sailing in January, February and March.

The articles on the manifest most likely to be used as supplies for the Japanese soldiers are flour, salmon, condensed milk and tobacco. The horseshoes are probably intended for the cavalry.

MARINE NOTES.

From Lorne, the British ship Homestead, from Vancouver to Seattle Monday to finish her cargo there for the United Kingdom.

Steamer Bosworth left last night for the little town above Fort Langley that was at that time destined for a colonial capital, and which was before New Westminster had its birth—but the eldest son has the distinction of being the first white child born on the provincial Mainland.

In the introduction of the

Steamer Umatilla sails this evening for San Francisco.

Steamer Cottage City leaves for Alaskan ports this afternoon.

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FREE FOODERS.

Anti-Chamberlainites Are Not Particular How They Suppress Opponents.

The following are the words of a song which was sung by Miss Ada Alexandra in her character of a Dutch girl at the Northampton (England) Palace of Varieties on the opening night of her engagement last month. The length to which Free Feeders will go to suppress the truth and keep the facts from being known will be gathered from the fact that the song was suppressed after the first night.

I heard two fellows argue in a friendly

sort of way:

You call yourself an Englishman, I heard one of them say.

I don't see how you make it!

The other one replied, I was born in England, so an Englishman am I.

The other said: You're quite wrong, my friend!

I'll show you how Englishmen are made.

Their hats come from America.

Their clothes are made in Austria.

Their gloves in Italy.

Their watch and chain in Switzerland.

Their handkerchiefs from Japan.

Even their sticks come from Malacca.

So where's your Englishman?

Your bacon's from Chicago.

Your eggs, they come from France.

Your butter comes from Holland.

So you don't stand a chance!

Your wheat is grown on foreign soil.

Your milk's in a Danish can.

You get your tea from China.

So where's the Englishman?

Now, you're quite right," the other said.

"What you say is true:

Where is the Englishman, you ask?

The question is not new.

They've dumped their foreign goods on us.

As long as e'er they can;

But now that Chamberlain's begun,

You'll find your Englishman."

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